Agreements for institutional assistance

230. SHRI **N.R.** GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of agreements Government have signed with International Organizations in the field of Science and Technology during the last three years.

(b) the details of institutional assistance received during the said period; and

(c) the details of the progress made with the help of these institutional assistance in the field of Science and Technology during, the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Comprehensive S&T Agreement

231. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and US signed a comprehensive Science and Technology agreement that would include, collaboration in research in health and weather monitoring;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) in what way this move would improve our technology in terms of health and weather monitoring; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, an Inter-Government Agreement for Science and Technology Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the United States of America has been signed at Washington DC on October 17, 2005. Cooperation activities under agreement includes climate and health along with other areas of mutual interest of the parties. The Agreement